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Medical Director's Update for Base Station Physicians' Committee January, 2007

San Diego County EMS:

Alvarado Hospital: The sale is complete. The ED is open, and the hospital and medical staff are reported happy with the transition.

Paradise Valley: A separate group is trying to make an offer on the hospital, but it is unclear whether it will be considered by Adventist Health. There will be a hearing by the Attorney General on January 25th, to gather information and community opinion on the proposed sale.

STEMI Update: The system went into effect this morning at 7 a.m. We are evaluating options for an EKG transmission system. Remember that a negative EKG should not affect treatment and monitoring. A summary letter sent on December 28th addressed operational issues.

Infectious Disease Exposures: Field providers report difficulty obtaining followup on some perceived exposures, some due to lack of clarity about contact or lack of coverage at the hospital. EMS will evaluate the information and see what is needed. Hospitals should review their response procedures for exposure of field personnel.

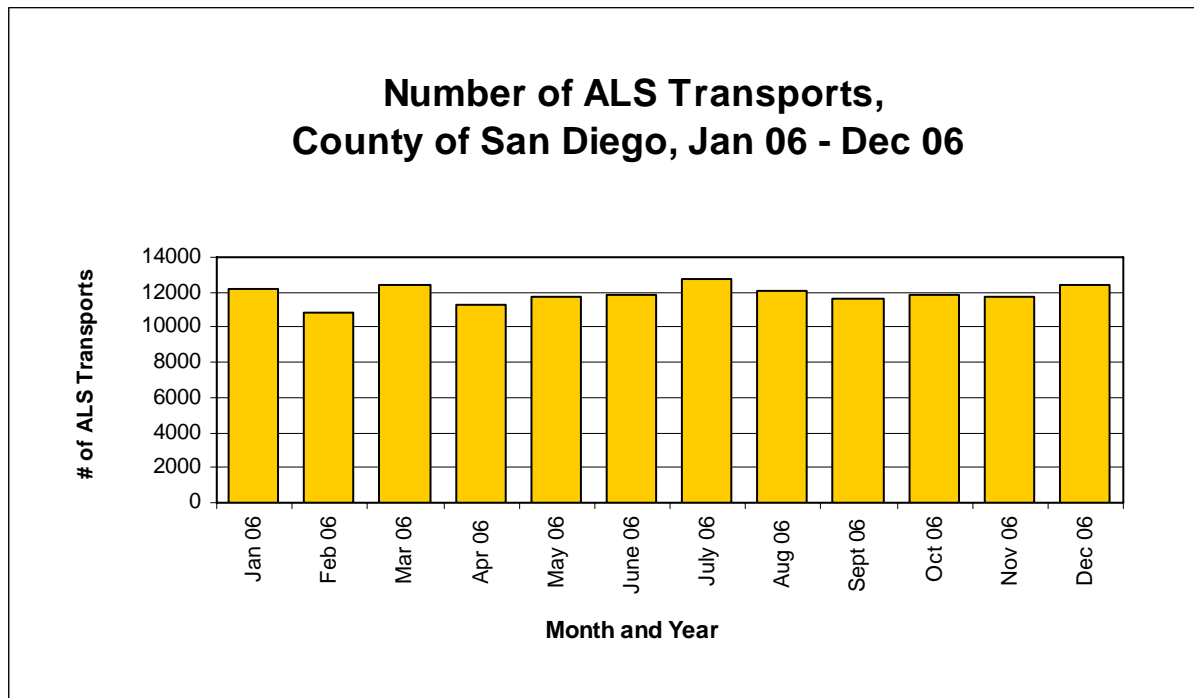
Norovirus: A note was sent out on norovirus with information about exposures, clinical symptoms, personal protective equipment and decontamination. This appears to be the cause for gastroenteritis outbreaks around the country. In San Diego there has been an uptick in gastroenteritis recently.

Flu season: A light season so far with mostly Influenza A.

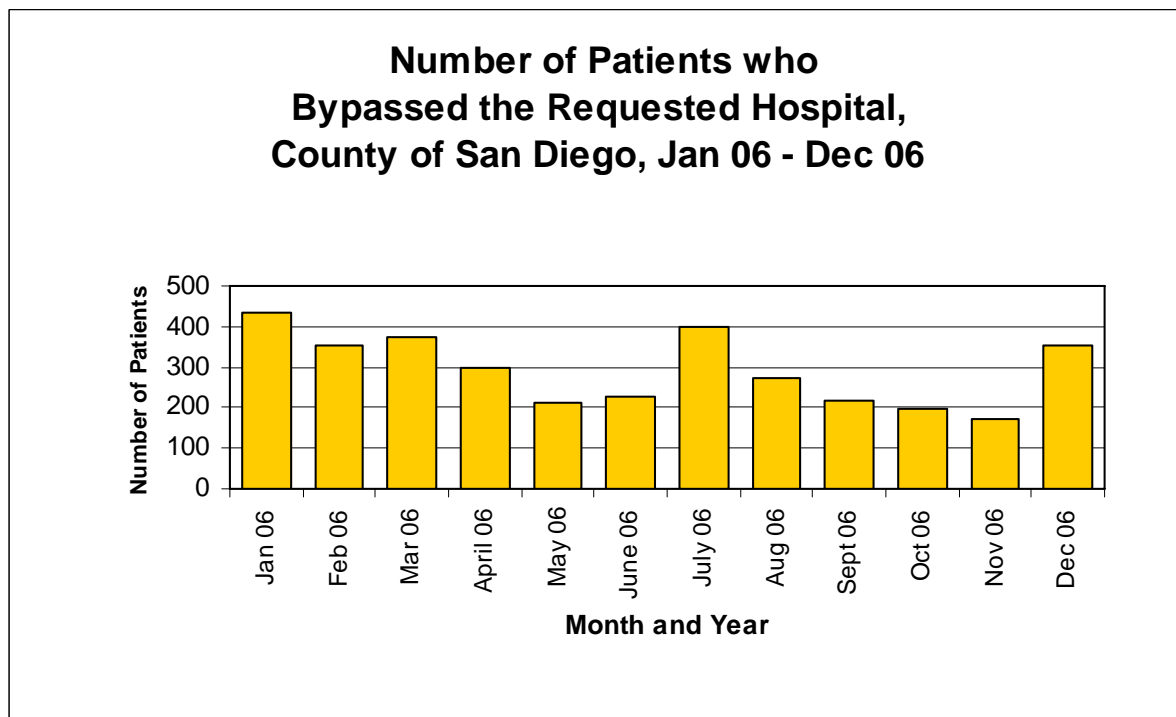
Capacity Study: The December hospital capacity report showed 43% of possible data reported. Several hospitals reported higher times holding patients for admission.

Protocol Revisions: Presented to BSPC today.

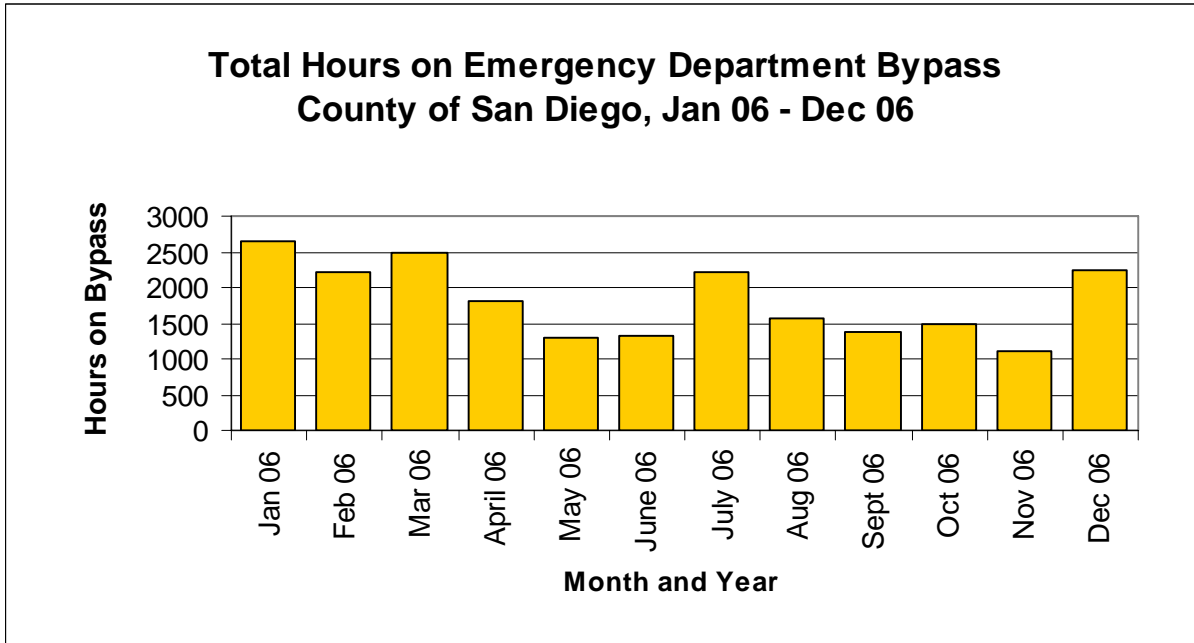
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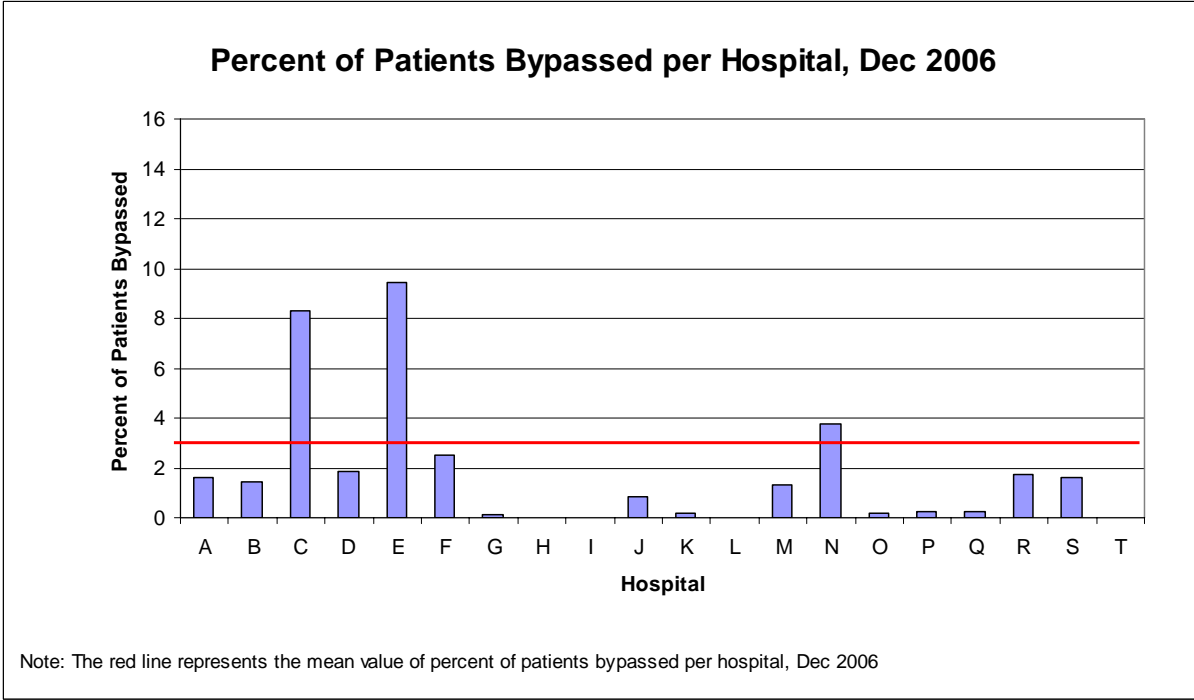
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